create additional storage capacity to the tune of 41.60 lakh MT (Covered) and 4.41 lakh MT (Covered and Plinth) under seven years guarantee scheme.

Statement

Storage capacity and stocks available with FCI in Punjab since 1997.

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Sl. No.	Position as on		Storage capacity		
			Covered	CAP (Open)	Total
1.	31.3.1997	Capacity	49.50	15.29	64.79
		Stocks held	34.02	2.59	36.61
		Utilisation	69%	17%	57%
2.	31.3.1998	Capacity	46.53	18.56	65.09
		Stocks held	40.38	10.46	50.84
		Utilisation	87%	56%	78%
3.	31.3.1999	Capacity	45.17	24.14	69.31
		Stocks held	33.55	16.60	50.15
		Utilisation	74%	69%	72%
4.	31.3.2000	Capacity	57.66	21.25	78.91
		Stocks held	58.23	9.26	67.49
		Utilisation	100%	44%	86%
5.	31.3.2001	Capacity	67.21	35.12	102.33
		Stocks held	69.15	21.63	90.78
		Utilisation	100%	62%	89%
6.	31.3.2002	Capacity	92.59	39.22	131.81
		Stocks held	95.14	14.28	109.42
		Utilisation	103%	36%	83%

Gradation of Swarna Paddy

†3861. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Swarna paddy grown by a large number of farmers of Chhattisgarh was kept in Grade 'A' earlier;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is also a fact that this paddy is now being kept under coarse grains;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by Government to compensate the losses suffered by the farmers of Chhattisgarh as a result of this decision; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Paddy variety Swarna has been classified as Common paddy.

(c) On the request of the Government of Madhya Pradesh including the then Chhattisgarh region also, a team of officers of the Government of India and Government of Madhya Pradesh was deputed in January, 2000 to collect the Swarna paddy samples from Raigarh Mandis. These paddy samples were analysed jointly and were found as Common paddy.

(d) and (e) Therefore, the question to compensate the losses suffered by the farmers of Chhattisgarh dues not arise.

Quota of Edible Oil to the States

3862. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the demand of edible oil Government have received from each State, particularly Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government have fixed any quota for edible oil;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantity of edible oil provided to Rajasthan during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (d) A statement indicating the State-wise demand, allocation and lifting of edible oils for the last three years is enclosed (*See* below). No quota is fixed by Central Government for allocation of imported edible oils to States/ Union Territories for supply through the Public Distribution System. Allocation is made on the basis of demand received from the States.